7. A reading machine for the blind as set forth in claim 6 wherein said means comprise a plurality of fiber-optics conductors individually connected to each of said plurality of light-responsive sensors.

8. A reading machine for the blind comprising in combination with a sheet having successive lines of characters delineated thereon, a frame, a scanner movably mounted on said frame in overlying relation to said sheet, a sheetholder for supporting said sheet for scanning movably mounted on said frame for movement in directions at right angles to the directions of movement of said scanner, and a linear actuator including a shaft secured to said sheetholder for moving said sheetholder by predetermined step-by-step advancement so that successive lines of characters on said sheet may be scanned from the top line to the bottom line of said sheet after the completion of scanning of each complete line thereof, a rotatable disc mounted on an extension of said shaft, said disc having a finger opening therein for enabling facile rotation thereof, and a stop on said sheetholder extending partially across said disc to limit the extent of rotation thereof by the engagement of the finger of a hand with said stop; rotation of said disc effecting linear movement of said sheetholder and said actuator to and fro on the shaft thereof.

9. A reading machine for the blind comprising, in combination with a sheet having successive lines of characters delineated thereon, a frame, a sheet holder on said frame for supporting said sheet for scanning, a scanner movably mounted on said frame in overlying relation to said sheet, an electrical circuit, a primary motor connected into said circuit for driving said scanner in one direction of travel, and a return motor connected into said circuit for driving said scanner in an opposite direction of travel.

10. A reading machine for the blind as set forth in claim 9, a first limit switch in said circuit located at the extreme limit of travel of said scanner in one direction of travel, and a second limit switch in said circuit located at the extreme limit of travel of said scanner in the opposite direction; actuation of said limit switches occurring by engagement of said scanner therewith to stop said primary motor and start said return motor and vice-versa.

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